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*Amicitia nisi inter bonos esse
non potest.—CICERO.*



*"May no cloud obscure the Crescent
Of our good old Delta Tau."*

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SALVE, FRATER.

TO C. M. SNYDER OF THE CRESCENT.

Through misty miles of summer-land,
We greeting send and clasp of hand,
As to an absent brother ;
Whose kindly words, strong as the breeze
That ripples 'mid the leafy trees,
Grim distance can not smother.

O stranger friend, whose gracious rhyme
Is borne to us in this fair time,
Of radiant, balmy weather,
When skies are bright and earth is sweet,
And flowers are strewn beneath the feet
Of summer months together—

May all your morn be bright and gay ;
Successful effort crown your day ;
And may your eve's declining
Be cheered by rays as bright as those
That late upon our pathway rose—
The CRESCENT's silver shining.

So through the summer's purple haze,
O'er iron roads that glint and blaze,
We send our greetings flying ;
May those kind words your ready pen
Erst sent to us, return again,
In blessings never dying !

Greencastle, June, 1882. MINNETTA T. TAYLOR.

THE PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL.

The proposed Pan-Hellenic Council has at various times been brought to the notice of the fraternity through the CRESCENT, but it appears never to have received more than a mere passing comment. This is the more to be regretted since the journals of the leading fraternities are said to be devoting considerable space to a discussion of the prospective objects and methods of the projected institution ; and Delta Tau Delta, with her characteristic energy, should not fail to place her sentiments upon record in a matter of so much interest and importance.

It has not been the good fortune of the writer to read the utterances of the fraternity press upon this subject and in the absence of any definite knowledge as to what others may regard as the legitimate province of such a council or, indeed of the objects which the original promoters of the scheme have in view, it is hoped that he will be pardoned if the few suggestions which are here offered have already been anticipated.

The very fact that such a scheme is so thoughtfully and generally discussed and that it emanated from so unexpected a source, is in itself a cheering sign of the times, which cannot be overestimated in its favorable bearing upon the future of the fraternity system in our American colleges. It clearly shows that a brighter day is dawning

and that college fraternities hereafter give promise of becoming free from many of the objections which their opponents are now urging against them with so much justice.

In order to ensure the success of the proposed council it will be necessary to secure the hearty co-operation of most of the leading fraternities and thus make it in every sense, a truly representative and influential body; without this aid it would be useless to proceed.

Among the first and most pressing duties of the Council would be the adoption of a code of ethics which would better govern the intercourse of fraternities among themselves and more clearly define their relations to the college or university. It should be particularly directed with a view of securing a most radical reform in the manner in which elections into the fraternities are now carried on; the methods at present in vogue are unfair in the extreme, both to the competing fraternities themselves and above all to the prospective candidate; it is hard to conceive inasmuch as these elections are characterized generally by undue haste, that these methods do not very often result in greivous errors. They are further as undignified as they are unpleasant and in the minds of all intelligent fraternity men they are the standing disgrace of the present fraternity system. We are aware, of course, that a number of chapters of our own fraternity, and not a few of those of our sister fraternities, refrain from resorting to methods of the kind referred to here. The council can do much toward establishing a higher sense of honor among fraternities; to be respected by others, fraternities must respect themselves by respecting one another, and they must appreciate the fact that it is impossible to build up a good reputation by injuring that of others.

The question concerning the initiation of sub-freshmen or preparatory students should be definitely settled as contrary to the principles and true interests of the college fraternity. Many of the fraternities have already placed themselves upon record in this matter and hence it will be

comparatively easy to arrive at a final and happy solution of a much-vexed problem. Similarly, some definite action might be taken with a view of regulating inter-fraternity combinations in college politics; it is impossible of course, to legislate them entirely out of existence, since combinations or cliques in college politics would exist under all circumstances and do exist, in their worst form, in colleges which have no fraternities. This question will require careful treatment since it presents many difficulties, but it is probable that some means can be devised by which the most objectionable features can be mitigated, if not removed.

The council could be made the tribunal for the adjustment of any inter-fraternity difficulties which may arise from time to time.

The existence of such a body will certainly tend to maintain a higher and better tone in fraternity journalism, though, we believe a marked improvement has already taken place. Again, it may be deemed necessary at some time to take concerted action against the dictates of illiberal or conservative college faculties, hostile to the college fraternity system; we may say, however, that with the exception perhaps of Princeton and a few others, this opposition comes from the governments of colleges which the fraternities would not enter under any circumstances.

The immediate effect of the organization of the council will be the removal of much deep-rooted prejudice which fraternities now entertain toward one another. It is certain that every fraternity will endeavor to send its ablest workers, men prepared to discuss the important questions which will be brought up in the convention, in a careful and impassionate manner; they will be representative men, of broad views and with many ideas; men who are somewhat at least acquainted with the methods of other fraternities than their own. What better opportunity can they desire than to meet for the discussion of topics of general interest, the leading men from the college fraternities throughout the land? Is it

not reasonably certain that they will return to their respective fraternities with more enlightened ideas and with many groundless prejudices removed? Will not the college fraternity of the near future be benefitted by this fact?

There are other ways, no doubt, in which the Pan-Hellenic Council might work to great advantage for the benefit of the entire system; enough, however, has been said to indicate a possible sphere for such a body which would justify any reasonable expenditure of time or money; nothing but good can result from it.

It is sincerely to be hoped that Delta Tau Delta will enter with enthusiasm upon the scheme and that, while the final preparations are being made, it will become the subject of a candid and careful discussion in the columns of our CRESCENT. May we ask the CRESCENT to sum up briefly the arguments *pro* and *con* which have been advanced in the journals of the eight or ten fraternities which have official organs of their own? Such a *resume* would no doubt be read with interest throughout the fraternity and enable a more general discussion of what promises to be a very important movement.

DELTA TAU DELTA.

ATTENTION! CHAPTERS,

Special Notice of the Catalogue Committee.

The Catalogue Committee desires to remind the chapters that the Catalogue is now liable to go to press at almost any time, and to urge them to be prompt in complying with the following final request.

Every chapter will promptly notify the committee of any additions and corrections to its list; it is very necessary to be vigilant and careful in noting any changes that occur while the work is in the hands of the printer; if at all possible, they will be incorporated. All recent initiates are advised to ascertain if their names have been duly forwarded, with the regulation blanks, to the Alpha as required by the laws of the fraternity. To insure absolute certainty that

their names will not be omitted, they will urge the secretaries to forward a duplicate to this committee. It might be well to say that but few of the many new names for the present year have been received.

Chapter secretaries will send us the names of those who are related to one another as brothers, making mention also of those who have brothers in other chapters. It is probable that a table of relationship will be published; in any event, a knowledge of these facts will be useful in verifying the present and future catalogues.

Chapters will see that their charter members are duly reported. All possible efforts should be made to complete the necrology; in every case the full name and occupation of the deceased and the date and place of death should be given.

Every chapter will please supply the committee at the earliest possible moment with a concise and brief history of their chapter and, incidentally, also of the college or university with which it is connected. These histories should not contain more than 650 words.

Every chapter is requested to send the committee a copy of the college catalogue as a means of checking any uncertainties in spelling the names.

Within a few days the committee will communicate to each chapter its special requests. If these instructions are promptly attended to by those whom they particularly concern, the committee can promise a catalogue which, it is believed, will be able to bear favorable comparison with that of any other fraternity.

THE CATALOGUE COMMITTEE.

THE PREP. QUESTION.

Opinions of Prominent Deltas.

[In order to promote a more general discussion of the Prep. Question throughout the fraternity, we during the past month directed communications to a number of our most active workers, requesting them to give their opinions on the advisability of admitting students of preparatory schools to membership in the fraternity. Below will be found the responses of several who have kindly and promptly seconded our efforts in this direction,

We urge the careful perusal of one and all of these letters, which are certainly deserving of such attention. It is the duty of every Delta to avail himself of all information on this question, upon which, no doubt, decided action will be taken at our next convention. We invite further discussion through the columns of the CRESCENT.—EDITOR.]

CHICAGO, Jan. 6, 1882.

EDITOR OF THE CRESCENT:—

I have received your card asking me give my views regarding the initiation of "preps." to the fraternity. I am entirely in accord with the action of the late convention on this subject. I would have favored a more radical law than that which was passed had I been present.

The members of the sub-Freshmen classes are as a rule too young to understand rightly the responsibilities they assume on becoming members of *ΔΤΔ*; they do not realize the import of the oath they take. They have just come from the restrictions and restraints of home, and being too much bent on having a good time they lower the dignity of the fraternity. On these men the promise of membership after they reach the Freshman class will have a far greater restraining influence than actual membership will; this is a fact which one may observe in any college which has a preparatory school connected with it.

Another reason against the admission of this class of students is, that their peculiarities are not sufficiently developed for us to judge with any certainty as to their character; they may be of the right stamp, but woe to the chapter if they are not. All our chapters have seen, if not in their own experience then in that of their rivals, the disastrous effect which one or two vicious members invariably have on the standing and fair fame of a chapter.

The risk is too great and the practice should be ended; the system of pledging will answer all purposes, and can be very readily brought into use. A man of honor will respect his pledge as binding on him, and a chapter will be able to exert a greater influence for good on these pledged sub-Freshmen than it would were they made members immediately.

Very Fraternally Yours,
W. L. McCLURG,

A member of the Rho at the Stevens Institute of Technology writes:

"As an eastern college man you may regard me, *a priori*, as decidedly opposed, in accordance with our traditions, to the initiation of preparatory students or sub-Freshmen. Yet, while I very much regret that the custom has ever gained a foot-hold in a few of the chapters of our fraternity, and with several of the fraternities with whom we come in contact, and while nothing would please me more than to see the practice abolished, I am free to confess that I realize the inexpediency of prohibiting it by immediate and direct legislation. I therefore endorse the action of our last convention which, rather than attempt to remedy the difficulty by a prohibitory law, which would probably work unjustly, and would possibly be disregarded in some instances, gave a plain expression of its sense upon this subject. At our next convention I hope to see the matter finally disposed of, now that due notice of the projected reform has been given. In justice to those of our chapters whom the movement particularly affects it may be said, that the relations between the preparatory and the college classes are much more intimate than they are here in the east. Few men in many of those colleges enter except through the preparatory department, and unless concerted action is taken on part of the fraternities by agreeing not to initiate preparatory students, any strict legislation might possibly work to the detriment of our chapters. The readiest mode of solving the problem would be to enlist the aid of college faculties in prohibiting these initiations.

My own knowledge of the circumstances under which our chapters work, induces me to think that they can gradually prepare for the change which will sooner or later come. They must feel satisfied for a year or two with a smaller membership than heretofore; a small chapter of eight or ten men, carefully chosen, can become quite as influential and perhaps even more beneficial to its members than a large chapter,—that has frequently been demonstrated in the history

of our fraternity. If it is understood that Delta Tau Delta will admit none but those connected with the regular classes, and if matters are properly managed, there should be no difficulty in inducing thinking men to refrain from uniting with those of our rivals who may continue to initiate preparatory students. The time will come when such initiations will be regarded as undignified and unnecessary, and the sooner Delta Tau Delta places herself on record, the better.

GREENCASTLE, IND., Jan. 6, 1882.

EDITOR CRESCENT:—

In response to your request, I give you my opinion in regard to the initiation of preparatory students into college fraternities.

It is my opinion that fraternities should *not* initiate students not in the regular college departments. The preparatory schools of colleges should be carefully distinguished from the colleges themselves, and in fraternity circles should be regarded no higher than the various private academies and public high schools doing the same work. It should be considered as disreputable for a college fraternity to initiate a preparatory student as to initiate a student in one of these other schools.

Many preparatory schools begin their work below the requirements of the upper grammar grades of our city graded schools, and end it far below the requirements for graduation from the best public high schools. It is true that a larger per cent. of those in the various college preparatory classes enter the college proper than of the students of academies and high schools; but the number of those in the preparatory classes who never reach the college is very large, too large for any fraternity to be reasonably certain that those whom they initiate will ever be collegians.

Boys taken into fraternities while "preps," and leaving school before they have gained a footing in the college classes can reflect little or no credit upon their fraternities. Their culture is

lower in degree than that of the high schools and academy graduates with whom they come in contact, and thus the fraternity badge, instead of being what it is intended to be, a badge of higher culture and higher learning, sinks into a mere symbol of society membership, conveying little or none of the meaning it should convey.

It is true that a boy may be benefitted by the oversight and moral support of older students who are bound to him by fraternities, and it may be urged that, this being the case, fraternities are under moral obligations to extend their benefits to preparatory students, even though the fraternities should not be benefitted in return.

But this watchfulness of older students over those in the preparatory classes will be secured quite well by the prudent foresight which will naturally lead fraternity men to watch closely the conduct and scholarship of those from whom they must expect to draw many of their recruits; while the ambition to be counted worthy of membership in the best chapters of the college, when he shall reach his freshman year, will spur the preparatory student to good conduct and good lessons.

On the other hand, the boy of the age of the average "prep" is but illy qualified to judge of the merits of the membership of the various competing organizations. He is at the age when his tastes and habits are subject to change, and he may ally himself to a chapter which he would not join were he to reach the college proper before considering the fraternity question. A year or two at this time of his life may make such a change in his tastes that his associations may become uncongenial. He can resign, it is true, but to resign, in many instances, is to inflict an injury upon his chapter which is no more to blame than himself for the unfortunate situation. His sense of honor and justice forbids this, and thus he goes on through his college course, his fraternity life exactly the opposite of what it should be. I am very certain that it would be far better for both fraternities and "prep." were membership restricted to college classes strictly. But while I

am certain of this, I am equally certain that a reform in this respect can only be made by the united action of the Greek World. By reference to the last report of the U. S. Commissioner of education, I find 364 colleges and universities there reported. Of these but 61 do college work exclusively. Thus more than three hundred have preparatory schools attached. It is safe to say that a large part of this 300 would have but little excuse for existence were their preparatory schools abolished, while in those whose college classes are respectable in numbers, rivalry with other institutions, as to the number of students catalogued, and sectarian spirit will dictate the keeping up of their preparatory schools long after they have ceased to be a necessity, even though the money they cost could be expended in the enlargement and better equipment of the colleges themselves.

Thus fraternities now work, and must expect to work for years to come for the most part in institutions with preparatory attachments. This being the case, it is not wise for any one fraternity to attempt a reform. Its chapters prohibited from initiating "preps." while their rivals have the whole field at their command, must wage an unequal warfare. The desirable students in the preparatory classes will be picked up before they reach the Freshman class, and thus these chapters can look only to men coming from without to recruit their ranks.

In my judgment, this difficulty can only be met by an agreement on part of the leading fraternities working in colleges having preparatory schools attached, to make membership in the college classes a prerequisite to admission into their chapters.

Were any considerable number to agree to this and carry it into effect the others would be speedily forced to take the same ground or lose caste, and thus the whole question would be solved. Until this is done, I think that the whole matter as far as Delta Tau Delta is concerned should have been left to the local customs of the various colleges.

My criticism upon the Cleveland Convention is not that it did a *wrong* thing in its legislation upon the "prep." question, but that it did a *right* thing at a *wrong* time.

J. N. STUDY.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 11, 1883.

EDITOR CRESCENT:—

Your card of the 3d received. As to the question of the initiation of "preps," my opinion is about this: They should not be initiated,—until they have passed into the collegiate department proper. As an opinion was all that was requested, and especially as I am pressed for time at this time, I will not attempt much amplification. Reasons for such an opinion are certainly palpable and numerous. The standing, strength, dignity, efficiency and usefulness of the fraternity will be advanced by such practice. Better material can and will be selected, because better known, better developed, and more likely to become more highly developed, by having a larger per cent. of our members graduate. The only point in support of admitting "preps." that ever struck me as having any force is, that a fraternity owes it as a duty, and it is a part of its duty and purpose to be a support and an encouragement to students in the beginning of their course, the time when many students most need good influences, encouragement, support, etc. That is all very nice in theory, but a fraternity is hardly a nursery. And if the standard of membership is lowered, as it will be by this practice the ability for the alleged good is lost; whereas the silent and almost unconscious good influence of a body of strong, able men in a college, to say nothing of the personal advantages to the members of the body, is an almost equal offset to all that has been claimed for the other plan. And after all, deserving "preps" may be pretty well assured that in a college where they are not initiated they will not have their interests slighted, and in fact may on the whole have more attention paid them; and the better things secured for them when they do join will amply repay their waiting probation, and likely has begotten

in them extra efforts, in order to be accounted worthy of membership when they may have passed prepdom.

Considering the fact that some of our chapters have initiated "preps," I think the last convention did a wise thing in *recommending* the abolition of the practice and thus giving these chapters opportunity to grow out of it against the time in the near future when the practice will be no longer permitted in the fraternity.

Yours most Fraternally,

WILBUR COLVIN.

GREEK WORLD.

$\Theta \Delta X$ and $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ have lately organized chapters at Columbia.

$B \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Phi K \Psi$, ΣX , $X \Phi$, and $\Theta \Delta X$, are represented at Dickinson.

The chapter of ΔY at Madison University, has \$5,000 subscribed for a chapter house to cost \$18,000.

The following fraternities have chapters in Indiana State University: $\Phi K \Psi$, ΣX , $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

Fourteen fraternities are now represented in the various departments at Columbia College. Although ΨY , $\Delta K E$ and several others usually number from fifty to sixty-five in membership, there is still good material remaining for the support of the other fraternities.

It is said that $\Delta K E$ has withdrawn her charter from University of Chicago. The institution is in a crippled condition and the fraternities have grown weak with the decay of the college. At the beginning of the year the chapters of ΨY and $Z \Psi$ were each represented by one man.

$K A$, one of the pioneer fraternities, held its fifty-seventh annual dinner at Delmonico's, New York, on the evening of January 4th. About seventy members were present representing Union, Williams, Cornell, Princeton and Hobart Colleges. The evening's exercises were varied with the singing of society and college songs.

" $\Delta T \Delta$ has recently entered Lehigh, Western Reserve, University of Georgia, Emory and Asbury. The CRESCENT had 560 subscribers last year and more than supported itself. A new lithographed title page adds to its attractions. This would do well to take this paper as it gives much general fraternity news."—"*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*."

Friend Thomas we blushinglly accept your kindly compliment, but must protest against the item concerning our Lehigh Chapter. $\Delta T \Delta$ entered that institution in 1874.

The recent establishment of journals by the $\Delta K E$ and $Z \Psi$ fraternities marks an important advance in fraternity journalism and also a change in the policy of the old conservative fraternities. They are at least realizing that vigorous, wide-awake effort, alone will keep them in the van of modern fraternity work, and accordingly one by one are taking measures to retain the vantage ground they have so long and securely held. We extend to them a hearty welcome and hope they have come to stay.

The grand chapter of the $Z \Psi$ fraternity held its annual session January 4th and 5th at Boston. Business of importance was transacted, and propositions to re-establish several defunct chapters were considered and acted upon. A noteworthy feature of the proceedings was the establishment of the *Zeta Psi Monthly*, a journal to be devoted to the interests of this fraternity. The convention adjourned to meet on January 3d, 1884, in New York City, under the auspices of the Delta Chapter of Rutgers College. In the evening the annual banquet of the Grand Chapter was held in the dining-room of the hotel. About 100 members were present and letters and telegrams of regret were read from Judges Larremore and Van Hoeson, of the New York Supreme Court, and other prominent graduates of the fraternity.

We were highly gratified as well as surprised upon receipt of the current numbers of the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ *Scroll*. The late action of the convention making the paper *sub rosa*, has caused great dissatisfaction

among the more progressive chapters, and as a result the editors have wisely concluded to again adopt the exchange system. This action cannot fail to be highly pleasant and profitable to not only the *Scroll* but to her sister journals. The paper has been enlarged one-third and placed under the editorial control of George B. Thomas, of Maysville, Ky. A distinct improvement in its appearance and general tone is easily noticeable and the Phis would be very unwise in attempting to suppress its circulation among other Greeks. Much more space is devoted to general fraternity news than in former years. We extract the following items from the *Scroll* for December:

"*ΔΓ* (ladies) has lately established chapters at Wisconsin University, University of the Northwest, and Hanover College.

The *ΒΘΠ* at Vanderbilt have an ingenious way of evading the anti-fraternity laws. They carry their new men to Lebanon, which is twenty-five miles from Nashville, and initiate in their chapters at Cumberland University. They can then tell the Vanderbilt faculty that they are not members of any chapter connected with the institution.

ΦΔΘ wishes to enter Illinois University, Northwestern University and Illinois College. She will probably soon be established in the former.

Fourteen members of the Ken. Mil. Institute, by a member of *ΦΔΘ* were pledged to form a chapter of that society. The late convention refused a charter to the applicants, who are still bound together awaiting a reconsideration of the refusal. The men are said to be of excellent material, and will probably receive their charter."

A dinner was given on December 22d, in New York City by the resident graduate members of the *Scroll and Key Society* of Yale College. The undergraduate members of the present Senior class attended in a body. Among the well-known *Scroll and Key* men present were the following:

Theodore Runyan, '42, Chancellor of New Jersey; K. Q. Keasbey, '43, United States District

Attorney of New Jersey; Judge John H. Meeker, '42; Rev. Edward W. Gelman, '43; Dr. Isaac L. Peet, '45; Prof. Homer B. Sprague, '53; Senator Randall L. Gibson, '53; Rev. Theodore Bacon, '53; Corporation Counsel George P. Andrews, '58; Rev. Joseph Twichell, '59; Rev. Richard C. Morse, '62; Prof. E. L. Keys, '63; Prof. Lewis A. Stimpson, '63; Prof. Edward S. Dana, '70, and many others.

The *Scroll and Key* is one of the oldest of the societies of Yale, and was founded in 1841. It recruits its membership like its rival, the *Skull and Bones*, on the eve of Commencement from among the members of the incoming Senior class, fifteen men being chosen each year. It exercises a great deal of influence and includes many of Yale's most honored names and the interest evinced by the graduate members is a most remarkable feature of both these rather remarkable societies. The *Scroll and Key* possesses a handsome marble lodge, erected about nine years ago at a cost of \$50,000; it is window-less and tomb-like, in the style of architecture peculiar to the fraternity system at Yale.

College tradition has accorded to it the sole right of publishing the "Yale Banner," the first of the *Annuals*.

The high opinion which we formed of the first number of the *ΚΚΓ Golden Key*, was confirmed and strengthened by the perusal of the second number lately received. The main portion of the issue is devoted to an account of the convention held at Madison, Wis., on August 30, 31 and September 1, 1882, which appears to have been highly successful. We publish this month the poem of Miss Taylor, the editor, dedicated to Bro. Charles M. Snyder (A. '82), whose lines to the "Ladies of the *Golden Key*" will be remembered by readers of the *CRESCENT*. From the *Golden Key* we clip the following news:

"*ΚΚΓ* is divided into three provinces, having under their control nineteen chapters, two of which, those at Iowa University and Northwestern University, were recently established. All the chapters are reported to be in prosperous condition.

ΔΤΔ meets *ΚΚΓ* in the following colleges: Buchtel, Wooster, Asbury, Butler, Hillsdale, Adrian, Simpson, Iowa State University.

The editor of the *Key* discards the term "Sorosis," saying that *ΚΚΓ* is a *fraternity* in every sense of the word, occupying the same position and doing the same work in colleges as gentlemen's Greek fraternities. This is certainly the correct position on this question."

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We wish all literary contributions to the February number to be forwarded by the 10th, and all Chapter letters not later than the 12th of that month.

THE list of subscribers is now approaching six hundred and fifty. Cannot this be made an even seven hundred before the close of the year? If each chapter would obtain two new subscribers, this result would easily follow. Let each secretary go immediately to work and obtain as large a list as possible.

SEVERAL chapters have placed a by-law on their books, providing that each active member shall be a subscriber to THE CRESCENT. We wish all the chapters were the fortunate possessors of such a law. They could not fail to reap a harvest beneficial to them and THE CRESCENT fund would be largely increased. We earnestly urge each chapter to give this idea thoughtful attention and try its effects for one year. New chapters especially should take as large a number of THE CRESCENT as their means will allow, as it will render most important service in guiding them over places peculiarly trying to young and inexperienced fraternity men.

ONE of the most cheering signs of the times was the telegram received in December by the editor of THE CRESCENT from Rev. Otis A. Glazebrook, voicing the congratulations of Alpha Tau Omega to Delta Tau Delta, and containing an invitation to her convention banquet. Words fail to express our admiration of this strong and hearty appreciation of the harmony and good-feeling which has always existed between Alpha Tau Omega and Delta Tau, and which we hope may always remain unchanged. Again, this courteous act is but another harbinger of that happy season

of general harmony which will soon permeate the Greek system. Hasten that era for which all true fraternity men are so anxiously longing.

DO NOT fail to carefully read the contributions on the Prep. Question. We will publish next month articles from several other Deltas, who appreciate the growing importance of this question.

How many of the chapter secretaries have fulfilled their duty in writing to the new chapters? This is one of the first duties imposed on the secretary, and its importance can scarcely be overestimated. There is no time in the history of a chapter more fraught with danger and discouragement than during the first few months after the establishment. Then a few words of kindly and hearty counsel and encouragement would be of the highest benefit to those who should feel that they are not an isolated band of men, but that they are one division of a great army of noble brothers. Let each secretary, if he has heretofore failed in the accomplishment of his duty, immediately make amends for his neglect. Nor let the work be confined to these alone. Letters from Delta fraters of whatever chapter or in whatsoever place they be, are ever heartily welcomed, and cannot fail to be productive of much good.

THE PAN HELLENIC COUNCIL is slowly assuming shape. The editors of the *Beta Theta Pi* have submitted a plan to the various fraternity journals proposing that a conference of the editors be held on February 22d, at New York, Philadelphia or Washington, according to the wishes of the majority. Aside from the business pertaining to the journals, it is proposed that this conference will take the council scheme in hand and push it to a successful end. Moreover it has been suggested that representatives of all the fraternities be invited to attend the conference, so that a more definite expression of the wishes of the fraternities may be obtained, and the organization of the council be regulated accord-

ingly. Delta Tau Delta and her organ will undoubtedly be represented at this conference wherever held.

ALUMNI NEWS.

RHO—STEVENS.

William Kent, '76, is a consulting mechanical engineer at 91, Fourth Ave, Pittsburgh, and a prominent member of his profession.

Albert W. Stahl, '75, Assistant Engineer, U. S. N., has just returned in the U. S. S. "Nipsic" after an absence of two years, on duty with the Mediterranean Squadron.

Brinckerhoff—Archer.—Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday, September 27th, by Rev. Henry M. Scudder, D. D., Alexander G. Brinckerhoff, '77, to Minnie E., daughter of Alexander Archer, Esq., of Brooklyn, N. Y.

John Rapelje, '77, is Division Engineer on the Hawley-Pittston Extension of the N. Y., Lake Erie & Western Coal & R. R. Co., with headquarters at Hawley, Penn'a.

John W. Lieb, '80, spends several months at Milan, Italy, in the interests of the Edison Electric Light Company.

Joseph Pracy, '81, is the owner of a well appointed machine shop at 109-111 Mission Street, San Francisco, California, and does a thriving business.

Martinez—King.—Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday, December 20th, by the Rev. Mr. Mottet, Manuel J. Martinez, '82, to Nellie E., daughter of George E. King, Esq., of New York City.

TAU—FRANKLIN & MARSHALL.

W. A. Miller, '80, and A. B. Rieser, '81, have recently been admitted to practice law. The former at his home, York, Pa., and the latter at Reading, Pa.

Chas. W. Levan, '80, had the honor of being elected as one of the delegates from the Theo. Seminary of our college, to the Am. Inter-State Missionary Alliance held at Chicago in October.

H. S. Coblenz, '82, has turned up in Iola, Allen Co., Kansas, and has recently sent forth his card as Land Agent.

D. W. Mickley, '84, at present holds a position on the C. V. R. R. at Chambersburg.

SIGMA—MT. UNION.

H. W. Harris, '82, is Professor of Latin and Greek at Scio.

J. R. Jacobs, '81, is pursuing the Theological course at the Northwestern University.

Lee Monroe, '80, is practising law at Sigourney, Iowa.

BETA BETA—ASBURY.

Rev. Herbert A. Grantham, '79, is an Episcopal clergyman at Memphis, Tenn.

Ezra B. Evans, '71, is a practicing physician at Greencastle, Ind.

Francis A. Smith, '76, is a lawyer at Anderson, Ind.

John M. Logan, '76, is a lawyer and judge at Tyler, Texas.

Rev. Virgil W. Tevis, '78, is a Methodist minister, S. E. Indiana Conference, at Brownstown, Indiana.

Leroy W. Johnson, '71, is a photographer at Maysville, Mo.

James A. Smith, '80, is Principal of the High School at Seneca, Kansas.

Joseph Crow, '76, is a practicing lawyer and member of the firm Lockridge & Crow, Greencastle, Ind.

Prof. John M. Bloss, '62, was re-elected Superintendent of Public Instruction of Indiana, running far in advance of his ticket in the recent elections.

R. H. Cole (Ill. Industrial), '74, is one of the editors and proprietors of the Miami County *Sentinel* of Peru, Indiana.

At the twenty-fourth General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, recently held at Monmouth, Ill., the following charges were announced:

Rev. Oliver, G. Brockett, Old Zeta, '75, Morea, Ill.; Rev. William A. Edie, Eta Beta, '65, Beaver, Pa.; Rev. Samuel R. Frazier, Gamma, '74, Oxford, O.; Rev. John B. Galloway, Old Zeta, '71, Vernon, Wis.; Rev. Russell Graham, Old Zeta, '70, Biggsville, Ill.; Rev. James A. Grier, Old Zeta, '72, Locust Hill, Pa.; Rev. Cyrus B. Hatch, Eta Beta, '66, Irwin's Station, Pa.; Rev. James C. Hammond, Old Zeta, '70, Meredith, N. Y.; Rev. David Inches, Old Zeta, North Bend, Neb.; Rev. Adam G. King, Old Zeta, '65, Delhi, N. Y.; Rev. David Nicoll, Old Zeta, '67, De Witt, Iowa; Rev. Robert Rogers, Eta Beta, '65, Pattersonville, N. Y.; Rev. George M. Reed, Gamma, '70, Newville, Pa.; Rev. W. T. Snodgrass, Old Zeta, '67, West Middlesex, Pa.; Rev. Charles K. Strong, Nu, '74, Garnett, Kansas; Rev. John Taylor, Old Zeta, '67, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas; Rev. John L. Thome, Old Zeta, '72, Winfield, Iowa; Rev. Thomas R. Turnbull, Old Zeta, '70, Aledo, Illinois.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

TAU—FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL.

Oh yes! We always try to keep our promises. The readers of the CRESCENT will doubtless remember that we promised in November that ere

long we would make our number an even one. Thus at the first meeting held Jan. 6, we had the pleasure of initiating D. H. Sensenig into the horrible mysteries of Delta Tau. He is another of the many that were bidden by all the fraternities here before we called on him to "fall in." After the meeting, by a unanimous vote, we resolved to adjourn to Copland's restaurant for the purpose of having a complimentary spread to the "baby."

The following toasts were responded to: Delta Tau Delta, H. P. Wanner; Chapter Tau, Fred C. Cook; The Alumni, C. W. Levan; Chapter Delta, H. J. Butler; The Ladies, W. G. Maybury; The "Baby," Sensenig.

We would like to give a full account of the final Tableau, but to do that, would implicate "Levy," Wanner, "Yank" and Butler.

PI—LEHIGH.

DEAR CRESCENT:

The University has opened again and we are now at the beginning of our second and last term of the collegiate year, as we only have two terms here at Lehigh, the first from September to Christmas, and the second from Christmas to June. All the boys are back, excepting Bro. R. P. Linderman, who is in Cuba.

I wish to take this occasion to notify all whom it may concern, that Bro. Wm. Griffith has been appointed Alumni secretary, to whom all Alumni correspondence should be addressed. His address is Wm. Griffith, Asst. Engineer, L. V. R. R. Bethlehem, Pa.

$\chi \phi$ has 15 members, $\phi \theta \psi$ 20, and $\Delta T \Delta$ 11.

The subject of a conference of the chapters of the First Grand Division has been talked of very seriously in this chapter. Our idea is to have a conference to meet in the city of Philadelphia Pa., on Thursday Feb. 22d. (Washington's birthday.) The conference to be conducted the same as a general convention. We would like to hear from the other chapters in the division on this subject, and to ask them all to send us the name of some place in which to hold the confer-

ence and on which day they would like to hold it.

The new members of Π are G. B. Linderman, J. D. B. Abbott and W. H. Sayre, all of '86.

Faternally,

R. H. W.

GAMMA BETA—COLUMBIA.

DEAR CRESCENT:

Since you last heard from us we have had the good fortune to initiate a man whom I would introduce to the fraternity with much pleasure if it were not for the fact that he will remain *sub rosa* for a time.

I hope my appeal for correspondents will not be entirely left unanswered, for we are all extremely anxious to become acquainted with the rest of our brethren even if only through the mails.

As I suppose you all know our chapter is quite small; but we think it has sufficient energy to take care of itself.

At times we have been a little discouraged but now our prospects are brighter as we are looking out for a number of promising men with a good prospect of ultimate success.

$\phi \Gamma \Delta$ has recently made its appearance here with a very good membership.

It is fortunate that Columbia is so large, as there are in the neighborhood of a dozen fraternities here now and most of them well established. The three strongest are $\psi \chi$, $\Delta \psi$, and $\Delta K E$. That shows what we have to contend with in enlarging our chapter.

We are determined to take only the best of men, and that fact alone would make it impossible for us to move very rapidly.

Since I wrote the beginning of my letter I have received letters from $B B$, Z , Ξ and Ω , for which I express my warmest thanks. We hope to hear from them again and from the other chapters as well.

Yours fraternally,

TENAFLY.

GAMMA—WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON.

ED. CRESCENT:

No doubt the readers of the CRESCENT, espec-

ially Gamma's Alumni, will be glad to hear of her prosperity. Her number bids fair to attain its usual size. Within the past few weeks we numbered but eight, but we shall soon reach twelve and the prospects of attaining her usual number from fifteen to eighteen are bright.

We were greatly surprised a week ago upon suddenly meeting, face to face, our Alpha Bro. J. B. Stewart, as we had received no intimation of his intended change. We were very glad to receive him, and very much amused at his stories of the doings at Meadville. Some fears are being entertained for his safety however, if the coquetish glances of a certain fair one remarkable for her golden hair, may be taken as evidence of an approaching calamity.

Bro's. McElroy and Garrison, our popular ladies' men, still room at Goose Heaven, and are wont frequently to drop in on us at our fraternity hall for a smoke and quiet game of euchre.

Bro. C. P. Reid, has removed, and now occupies a room opposite the Seminary on Maiden street. Whether the word "maiden" has anything to do with influencing him to take such a step, we should not on the responsibility of our own convictions like to say.

The statement that Dave VanEman was attending college in Pittsburg, which appeared in the last issue of the CRESCENT, was a mistake due to misinformation which we received. He is at present engaged in the cattle business at Cannonsburg, Pa.

E. F. FRASHER.

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NU—LAFAYETTE.

DEAR EDITOR:—

Our non-appearance in your columns this year might lead some to believe that "all is not well" with Nu. I wish to assure you that, as ever, we are a model set of little lambs, and our deficiency is not writing e're this, may be attributed to the "cussed" laziness and extreme modesty of yours humbly.

We began the year with seven men, having lost seven, six by graduation and one going into business. It was a severe loss to us, Sufficient

is it to say that they were the founders of the chapter, and we looked up to them as our guardians.

Bleim, '82, is studying medicine in Chicago; Seibert and Walters, '82, studying medicine in Philadelphia; Lambert, '82, teaching school at Rieglesville, Pa.; Schultz, '82, in Signal Service at Fort Meyer, Va.; Serfass, '82, law student, Easton; and Odenwelder, '84, in business at Easton, Pa.

To fill their places "we put the ace" to B. V. Sommerville, '85, Bellefonte, Pa.; W. R. Stenger, '86, Chambersburg, Pa.; E. F. Gray, '86, Easton, Pa.; and G. B. Stear, '86, Long Run, Pa.

We take a prominent part in the mental as well in the physical department of the college. The editor-in-chief of the "Melange" is a Delt; the captain of the Foot-Ball Team ditto, and two first prizes in our last field-sports fell to our lot.

We received a communication from Rho, stating that they were in favor of a conference of the First Division. We heartily second the motion, knowing that it will be productive of great good to the chapters.

We had the pleasure of meeting and entertaining some members of our sister chapters during the last collegiate term, and would be glad to have brothers call upon us at any time.

S. A.

SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

SIGMA—MT. UNION.

The winter term finds Sigma Chapter composed of seven actives. Yes, "we are seven." We firmly believe, of course, that there is luck in odd numbers. Our present size is a direct result of the Mt. Union four-term-a-year system. Next term we shall number from 12 to 15, as those who are now out teaching will then have returned.

The faculty rule in regard to fraternities is still *in esse* notwithstanding which fact the "Purple and Gray" adorns the breast of each and everyone of us.

Several of the faculty who before had been

anti-frat, were won over completely when on last Commencement Day those of Sigma's Alumni who were present, together with her actives, headed by a brass band playing a funeral dirge, marched to the cemetery and covered with flowers the grave of our deceased brother, Will Clarke.

Coming, as it did, so shortly after we had advanced from our old position under the rose, the large number of spectators, the interest manifested, together with the impressiveness and solemnity of the scene, tended to make it one long to be remembered.

We hail with pleasure the coming Conference, realizing that it is just the thing needed to enlarge one's fraternity knowledge, and to fill one with the true Delta spirit. A person can well afford to be "full" of such "spirits."

Bro. Chas. Glendenning, who for some time back has been lying sick at Shepard's Water Cure at Columbus, is rapidly improving. Hope he will meet us in the spring. His worst fault was that he studied too closely.

Yours in Deltaism,
FRANK W. MOULTON.

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MU—OHIO WESLEYAN.

Our term has just begun and all is quiet on the Olentangy. We have but few new students in the college and the boys are buckling down to their winter's work. We expect, however, that things will liven up considerably toward the close of the month when the Delts come in to the Conference. We have heard from all the chapters now and each expects to be represented by one delegate at least and several of the Ohio chapters will send more. The hotel terms are bargained for; the programme is arranged; the banquet is preparing; all things are now ready. Let our brothers be also ready, and come. On Thursday Morning, Jan. 25th, the Conference will begin. No Delta in Ohio, whether alumnus or active, can afford to miss it if it is possible for him to be present.

At the Fall Publics at the close of last term,

Chapter Mu had the Valedictorian on one programme and the Salutatorian of another. In the literary programme for the Sophomore Banquet, *the* social event of the college course, the toast to the class has been given to one of our boys. It is a curious fact, and one worth mentioning, that for the last four years in an election by informal ballot for this most important toast a Delta has been chosen each time. Jefferson, Cheny, Denman, Magruder form a worthy and unbroken line of orators since the banquet of 1880.

Bro. Dowling of Theta stopped with us for one day on his way to his own college. The visit was very pleasant to us, and if Frank's hearty laugh, which was heard in nearly all our rooms and (they say) up at the Seminary, went for anything, he found true brothers at Mu.

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THETA—BETHANY.

DEAR CRESCENT:—

It was our great pleasure on last Tuesday to make a long intended visit to chapter Mu. We had heard much of praise concerning the Deltas at Delaware, and had long desired to shake hands with the giants of our Grand Chapter. We feel confident in saying that none will attend the Division Conference soon to be held under their charge without leaving a more enthusiastic Delta than ever before, and with a strong determination to model in many respects his own chapter after the pattern of his Grand Chapter.

Theta's men who were scattered far and wide during the holidays, have all returned. They took the opportunity of our first meeting to let off the energy accumulated during their separation.

We are soon to lose another of our most active members, W. S. Field, of Mo. He intends taking a course in the Eastman Business College. Will was Theta's king Saul, and literally stood head and shoulders above us all. Our best wishes go with him to his new labor.

Not a single Delta this year has leaped from the election balances to behold on the wall, "Thou

art weighed in the balance and art found wanting." On the program of the Neotropolian Christmas performance, of eight names, five were Deltas. In a similar performance of the American Society, we are also well represented. Two of four orators for the twenty second of Feb., wear the "purple and gray," and plead for the "beautiful and good." Very fraternally,

S. M. D.

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ZETA—WESTERN RESERVE.

Chapter Z has had a lovely month. The very deuce has been to pay, and nothing to pay it with. Let me elucidate.

Our enterprising Bro. Hole hunted around until he found as nice a set of measles as ever sprinkled a two-year-old, and a lively pull he had. When he was through with them, he generously donated them to yours truly, with the pleasant remark, "Nothing mean about me." May the Gods defend him on his return! and now the undersigned is enjoying a very jolly convalescence at home

Bros. Bemis, Waite and Pettibone, have began a scientific work to be entitled, "What We Know About Measles." It will be a standard.

Fraternity matters have taken a back seat at the old Reserve this month. The cause—a college war. I make no apology for the length of my story, for our students have been shamefully misrepresented in some of the papers, and the Delta world will wish to know the truth of a matter in which much of our college-world is interested.

For twenty-five years it has been the custom of our students to hold a college "jamboree," called Tempus, on the evening before Thanksgiving. This consisted essentially of a minstrel performance, with conundrums, puns, and hits on "the boys",—a short comedy based on some college event or custom,—a Faculty meeting in which the grave Preps. are made to discuss all sorts of things,—and a spread of pies, doughnuts and cider, sometimes followed by a stag-dance. Naturally enough, some objectionable

features crept into their entertainment as the years passed, but no attempt was made to suppress it, and some of the younger members* of the faculty contributed to the general fun. But this year it suddenly dawned upon the faculty that Tempus was a truly horrible affair,—one in which no gentleman would engage. And when Tempus was well on the way, forth from the presence went the decree, "No more Tempus!" As a reason for its suppression the faculty mentioned the vulgarity that characterized the Tempus in the last few years. Thus far they were nearly right,—but wait.

A college meeting followed. Committees were sent to the president, showing that all objectionable features had been thrown out. "Could they hold Tempus now?" "No." "Why not?" "Well, we say you can't, that's why." Indignation was aroused; more prohibitions received, and the result followed, naturally, the boys determined to hold that Tempus anyhow, and did so, and a jolly old Tempus it was. All the classes and all the fraternities were represented in the performance. Work went on as usual for a day or two, and all was calm as a summer sea. But on our return from Thanksgiving vacation, the bomb exploded, "The Juniors must go," and not a word was said to the other culprits. A fine hubbub resulted, not in Cleveland alone, but in every town in Ohio, having a representative at Adelbert. The Cleveland papers gave columns to the matter; papers in other cities noticed from widely different standpoints, and even the old *Tribune* deigned to make editorial comment. The other classes declared through the papers that they would leave college if the juniors were not reinstated. The faculty demanded from the Juniors individual letters of apology as the only condition of reinstatement; and there was a dead-lock of several days. The Juniors of the Ohio Wesleyan kindly sent resolutions of sympathy, and were compelled to revoke them by the faculty there, on penalty of expulsion. Brothers at Mu, you have our sympathies now. But at last the Juniors yielded the other classes resumed work, though a num-

ber left college in sheer disgust at the petty tyranny that had been exhibited. Most of the Juniors will doubtless come back only long enough to demand letters of honorable dismissal, and will then go elsewhere. At present all is quiet along our Potomac, but there is a bitter feeling against the faculty that it will take years to eradicate.

Of all the results of this justifiable rebellion against college authority, we can not speak with confidence, but it has aroused in Western institutions an earnest discussion of the rights of students that must be productive of much good. These rights, and the proper relations of the college faculty to the college classes, ought to be clearly defined; for to them questions which relate to the college fraternity must often be referred.

Yours in *ΔΤΔ*,
JAS. W. McLANE.

THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

BETA BETA—ASBURY.

Beta Beta has had her membership increased to eighteen by four more boys coming from Phi. Bro's. Curtis P. Smith and John J. Collins have entered the Senior class, and Bro's. Jerry Q. Kingsbury and Henry A. McEnery the Freshman. These are valuable additions to our chapter, and make it stronger than ever.

At the recent examinations for promotion in the military department, Bro's. Mann, Friedly and Neufer received offices.

Owing to sickness, Bro. Will Crose, '86, will not be in college the first part of the term.

Bro. Jett is President of the Athenian Literary Society. Bro's. Beaty, Krider and Williamson are all officers in Philo.

While at home during the holidays, Bro. Norton called on Bro. W. McClurg, and found him as enthusiastic as ever.

Fraternally yours,
OLIVER M. MATSON.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE.

Kappa begins the term with ten men in col-

lege—five less than last term, four of whom are teaching and one reading law. We take pleasure in introducing this year's initiates into the Sacred Mysteries. Bro's. Ed. F. Parmelee, '83; B. J. Arnold, '84, and S. S. Avery, '85. If you don't believe Bro. Parmelee is happy over it, hear his new laugh.

Bro. L. E. Dow, '85, was the successful contestant in the Oratorical contest of the *AKΦ* (Literary) Society held in Dec.

Bro. S. L. Smith, '82, is taking a theological course at Yale.

Kappa has sixteen subscribers to the *CRES-CENT*.

With reference to the vexed prep. question Kappa is of course opposed to it in principle as every one must be who gives the matter a moments consideration. She has in recent years at least with one exception initiated no men below the Sophomore year. This she could well afford to do being the only fraternity represented in a college which last term had four hundred and fifty students (part ladies however.) Here, as in many colleges, there is a preparatory department in immediate connection with, and a vital part of the institution, and a fraternity has recently entered which began from the start to initiate preps. Other fraternities are looking this way and if our rivals of good standing in the Greek World initiate preps, it must inevitably place us at a disadvantage until the practice can be placed in its proper light. However Kappa does not propose any more than ever to thus endanger the high standing of *ΔΤΔ*.

Yours Fraternally,
JOS. CUMMINS.

EPSILON—ALBION.

DEAR CRESCENT.—Since last I wrote you, we have added one more to our number, G. G. Scranton, '86, who will surely be an honor to our fraternity. If an initiatory service can impress upon the mind of a man the principles we profess, Bro. Scranton's zeal will certainly never flag in the cause of Deltaism. At present we

have fourteen active members, with the exception of Bro. James Docking, who, feeling his need of experience in teaching, accepted an offer to teach near Chesaning in this State. He will return, however, in March.

We were much surprised Saturday evening upon the entrance into our hall of Bro Catlin, from Lambda. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the workings of our chapter, and especially with our apparatus for initiation. After adjournment and after taking our usual "walk-around," we repaired to a restaurant to take down a few "kickers of the briney deep," and for something like an hour to make the saloonist happy. Bro. Arthur Constable was with us that evening.

We are now looking forward to a pleasant and profitable time, when, in March, there will be a union meeting of the Michigan chapters in this place.

FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

LAMBDA—LOMBARD.

ED. CRESCENT :—

The "holidays" are gone and the "boys" are back again, hard at work. But not all returned. For reasons unknown to us, Bros. Ottawa and Prebble failed to put in their appearance. We shall miss them much, but earnestly hope that they may be with us at the opening of next year. Although two are gone, our members are the same as last term, viz: ten. The places of the absent Brothers were filled by Bro. C. L. Edwards and Frank Rogers, whom we welcome back to the fold most heartily. Since Bro. Edwards left us last spring he has not be idle.

Everything is charming in the Fourth Grand Division, and there is much rejoicing over our new addition. Let us have some more. Our accommodations are plenty large enough for double our present family.

Who is it that says Delta Tau Delta is not a National Fraternity? Shall not the glorious truths of our order spread throughout the length and breadth of this great land? If any man objects let him speak. Yours fraternally,

C. E. BREWSTER.

XI—SIMPSON CENTENARY.

DEAR CRESCENT :—

Xi began the year with twelve men. So far we have initiated four members. We now number three Juniors, six Sophs., four Fresh., and three Preps. Our new members are, W. S. Kelly, Hillsdale, Iowa; M. Daily and R. Thompson, Riverton; and A. S. Busselle, Indianola. "All all honorable men" and enthusiastic Delts.

Bros. W. A. Lee, '84, and F. L. Davis, '85, leave us this term and will not return to college until the spring term.

On Wednesday evening, December 13th, we indulged in a choctaw powwow. There was a good attendance of warriors and squaws. Music speeches and eatables all contributed to make the occasion enjoyable. The powwow at the end of the fall term has come to be an established custom with Xi.

The work done by the brothers in the classroom has been of an excellent character during the term just closing. We expect to make this a most successful year for Deltaism at Simpson.

Yours Fraternally,

O. A. KENNEDY.

The Catalogue Committee of the fraternity notices with pleasure the article in the last issue of THE CRESCENT in which "Alumnus" agitates the subject of Alumni Chapters. Our own intercourse with the graduate members of the fraternity incident to our duties in connection with the new catalogue, permits us to freely endorse all that was said upon the probable sentiments of Delta Tau Delta's alumni. We have seen so many evidences of their good will and of the kindly interest which they still entertain for their old fraternity, that we deem it a part of our trust to do all that we can to further such undertakings. We therefore like the suggestion that the Catalogue Committee furnish those who may desire to inquire into the possibility of establishing an alumni organization in their vicinity, with lists of the resident Deltas. This we are in perfect condition to do, without any trouble and upon short notice. We will gladly indicate the names of those who would be likely to enter with enthusiasm upon such a scheme, and will render any further aid within our power.

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